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REPORT OF WEF ON TB
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Economic Forum (WEF) has furnished their report on TB recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the main features of the report; and

(c) the details of the allocations made and spent therefrom for the eradication of TB in the last four years, year-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE(DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) & (b) The World Economic Forum released a report titled 'Tackling Tuberculosis: The Business Response' based on an analysis of responses to questions on TB in the World Economic Forum's Annual Executive Opinion Survey.Nearly one third of respondents expect tuberculosis to affect their business in next five years with one in ten expecting the effects to be serious. The report found that firms in Sub-Saharan Africa, Asia, and Eastern Europe are most concerned. The report further states that firms in poorer countries with high TB prevalence are particularly worried.While transmission of the disease can occur in workplaces, workforces offer a ready audience for TB education and businesses have many skills that can help tackle health problems. There is strong potential, therefore, for business to help fight TB. Businesses have a variety of motivations for acting to control the disease, from limiting its impacts on employees to strengthening partnerships with other stakeholders to enhancing corporate reputation. A number of businesses are engaged in TB control efforts, based on their core competencies, in partnership with National Governments, International organizations and other partners in the private sector, yet the momentum is not comparable to business action on HIV/AIDS.The report also noted that "India Business Alliance" in partnership with Global Health Initiative works closely with World Economic Forum and is publicly committed to control TB in India by raising public awareness of TB and its symptoms and broadening business sector engagement in TB control in partnership with Ministry of Health's Revised National TB Control Programme.

(c) No allocation of fund from WEF has been made for TB Control Programme in India.However, the details of funds allocation & amount spent under the RNTCP during the last four years are as under: (Rs. in crores)

Year	Allocation	Expenditure
2004-05	140.00	133.63
2005-06	186.00	187.70
2006-07	202.17	220.97
2007-08	267.00	262.12